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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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U.S. National Phase Entry Under 35 USC 371 from the International Application of William Michael Scheper et al.

International Application No: PCT/US00/04185

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Entitled: CLEANING COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING SELECTED NONIONIC

SURFACTANTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1, cancel Claims 2-9 without prejudice, and insert new Claims 10-46 to read as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A detergent composition comprising:
 - a) a capped nonionic surfactant with an X/Y number greater than 1.00;

(b) an optional conventional detergent additive;

c) an optional co-surfactant;